

January 27, 2014

**MINUTES OF AN REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Miranda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Endo-Roberts, Frangos, Miranda, Rische, and Chairperson Korman.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and Administrative Analyst Orpe.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the November 18, 2014 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 - None.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. PARKS SERVICES DIVISION PUBLIC SATISFACTION SURVEY 2013

Administrative Analyst Orpe reported that one of the goals of the Parks Services Division is to maintain the spirit of continuous improvement and organizational development in spite of the economic downturn and reductions to the City's budget. He presented results of the customer survey conducted in November 2013 that was designed to assess public satisfaction with the parks in Torrance, based on a 1 to 7 scale. He reported that 73 responses were received at five Commission meetings. He stated that specific questions on the survey were about safety, rules and regulations, signage, cleanliness of bathrooms, and maintenance. He stated that the overall score of

5.8 shows residents' satisfaction with the overall service provided by Park Services Division. He highlighted the importance of Big Grassy Areas in all responses and that 100% of respondents feel safe in parks. He stated that they also surveyed Park Services employees and the results closely paralleled the answers on the Public Survey.

In response to Commissioners' inquiries, he shared information about the Park Ranger program and permitted picnic areas.

Commissioner Candiotti initiated a brief discussion about ways to encourage more residents to visit their local parks.

Administrative Analyst Orpe announced that City Council approved all Community Services projects in the Capital Projects budget and that \$350,000 is allocated for the gazebo project at Wilson Park. He noted that the project is postponed to July 1, 2014 as there are several emergency projects that need to be addressed first.

Manager Rappoport pointed out that working drawings still need to be developed and that hopefully the project will be ready to go to bid on July 1.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. SOUTH BAY ART MUSEUM AND GALLERY CRAWL

Manager Rappoport presented plans for a new event called the South Bay Art Museum and Gallery Crawl on May 3-4, 2014. She noted that the purpose of the collaboration between Torrance Art Museum (TAM) and PS Zask Gallery is to celebrate and draw attention to the number of Fine Art museums and galleries in the South Bay. She stated that organizations that have been invited to participate include Manhattan Beach Creative Arts Center, Palos Verdes Art Center, El Segundo Museum of Art, and Art Galleries at Cal State Dominguez Hills, El Camino College, and Mary Mount College. She stated that a map of locations would be available online and distributed at each venue. She expressed hope that the event will increase exposure and attendance to TAM as well as to the entire Cultural Arts Center.

8B. CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Manager Rappoport discussed plans for the Cherry Blossom Festival on March 16, 2014 in Columbia Park. She reported that most of the entertainment has been lined up and that sponsors include Torrance Sister City Association, Torrance Craftsman's Guild, North Torrance Homeowner's Association, and Soka Gakkai International. She noted that this year they will have the portable stage, a Cabbage Cook-Off, and more interactive activities.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Manager Rappoport distributed a thank you note from Debbie Hays.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for November and December 2013 was included in agenda packets. She stated that the January 18 TAM opening was successful and Torrance Theatre Company's "Funny Money" has been selling out.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioners and staff expressed appreciation to Commissioner Miranda for his years of service on the Commission and bid him a fond farewell.

11B. Candioly requested an excused absence for the February 24, 2014 Commission meeting.

11C. Commissioner Frangos stated that she enjoyed Pearl Jam at the Sports Arena, TAM opening and Friends of TAM meeting, and NAMM Convention at Anaheim Convention Center.

11D. Commissioner Miranda thanked fellow Commissioners and staff for his time on the Commission and stated that he hopes to be appointed to the Commission on Aging.

11E. Commissioner Candioly discussed his trip to Tennessee where he visited Ruby Falls in Chattanooga as well as the Grand Ol' Opry, Willy Nelson Museum, and First Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville.

11F. Commissioner Bunting stated that she has visited the new TAM exhibition and the new Public Library in downtown San Diego. She informed Commissioners that MOCA has a new Director.

11G. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she saw Ron Libbrecht artwork on display at Amore Vino and enjoyed "Funny Money" and the film "Life of a King."

11H. Chairperson Korman stated that "Funny Money" is a "must see" and distributed a photograph of the new mural at El Retiro Library.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:05 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Korman so ordered.

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Approved as amended February 24, 2014 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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